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In re application of

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Confirmation No. 8515

Serial No. 09/937,383

GROUP 1744

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HOMOGENISING OF SMALL-VOLUME  
MIXTURES BY CENTRIFUGATION AND  
HEATING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-35 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Add the following new claims:

--36. (new) A method for performing chemical or biochemical reactions involving temperation and homogenization, comprising the steps of:

a) loading a reaction vessel with a reaction mixture to be homogeneously incubated,

b) subjecting said reaction vessel and its content to a centrifugal force, and